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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1467

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 14, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Athletic Trainer Reimbursement.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Heaton

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires reimbursement under a policy of accident and sickness insurance or health maintenance organization contract for services provided by a licensed athletic trainer on an equal basis to reimbursement under the policy or contract for the health care services rendered by other health care providers.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill may increase insurance premiums in the state from adding reimbursement for athletic trainer services. To the extent this occurs, the state will receive additional revenue from taxes paid on insurance premiums. Revenue received from the Insurance Premium Tax is distributed to the General Fund. Actual increases in state revenue from insurance premiums are indeterminable.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Local government groups enrolled in the Local Unit Government Employees (LUG) health plan may experience increased costs if their health plans are required to provide reimbursement for services provided by an athletic trainer. Additionally, school corporations and local governments purchasing health benefit coverage on their own could incur increased premiums. The specific impact is indeterminable, but would depend on current health care coverage. It is unknown if local units would cover this cost or pass the cost on to employees, as cost sharing of health benefit premiums varies widely by locality.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local units of government and school corporations that purchase group insurance or HMO coverage.

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